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YUUICHI HIRANO et al.  
Preliminary Amendment filed herewith

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

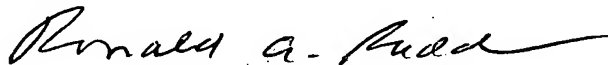
Claims 12 and 13 are presently active, Claims 1-11 having been canceled by way of the present amendment.

The specification has been amended as in the parent application. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 12 and 13 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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